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on the webbing is distributed over a large surface area of the webbing. In a preferred embodiment the clamping surfaces are mutually opposed complementary curved surfaces. --

~~Please delete the paragraph beginning at line 12 on page 2.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 16 on page 2 with the following paragraph:

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-- In a preferred arrangement, the webbing assembly comprises a webbing clamping mechanism in which the webbing is wrapped around a plurality of pulley-like shafts which are arranged to uniformly distribute a load applied to the webbing when under tension. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 21 on page 2 with the following paragraph:

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-- Moreover, in the preferred embodiment the webbing assembly comprises a webbing clamping mechanism, in which guide surfaces for the webbing are provided which are arranged to prevent the webbing from coming into contact with itself when the mechanism is in use. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 25 on page 2 with the following paragraph:

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-- The present invention will now be described, by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which: --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 4 on page 3 with the following paragraph:

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-- Figure 3 is a side view of a webbing tie down assembly forming a first embodiment; --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 18 on page 3 with the following paragraph:

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-- Figure 7 is a side view of a webbing tie down assembly forming a second embodiment; --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 16 on page 5 with the following paragraph:

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-- Figures 3 to 5 show a webbing tie down assembly according to a first unclaimed embodiment. The assembly is generally similar in construction to the prior art assembly shown in Figures 1A and 1B. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 15 on page 6 with the following paragraph:

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-- The clamping members 119a, 119b provide respective mutually opposing generally planar clamping surfaces 120a, 120b, for clamping a relatively large surface area of the webbing 115, which passes between the two clamping surfaces 120a, 120b. It should be noted that the clamping members 119a, 119b have smooth surfaces and rounded edges to allow the webbing 115 to slide around the surfaces of the clamping members easily, without catching or tearing, as described below. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 14 on page 7 with the following paragraph:

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-- Figures 6a to c show the various positions of the first embodiment, in use. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 21 on page 8 with the following paragraph:

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-- A second embodiment, also unclaimed, is shown in Figures 7 to 9. The structural features of this embodiment are generally the same as the first embodiment and the following description relates mainly to the different features of the second embodiment. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 14 on page 10 with the following paragraph:

-- Figures 10 to 12 show a webbing tie down assembly according to a third and preferred embodiment [of] in accordance with the present invention. Like the first embodiment, the assembly of the third embodiment is similar in construction to the prior art assembly shown in Figures 1A and 1B, but dimensioned on a larger scale and with higher grade materials to achieve the increased load bearing requirements. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 22 on page 11 with the following paragraph:

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-- In accordance with the present invention, the clamping surface 320 of the upper clamping member 309, which opposes the surface of roller shaft 307, is formed with a curvature complementary to the curvature of the shaft such that when webbing 315 is clamped between the clamping members 307, 309 the clamping surfaces lie substantially parallel, separated by a distance slightly less than the normal thickness of the webbing, thus applying a generally uniform clamping force over a large surface area of the webbing. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 20 on page 12 with the following paragraph:

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-- Figures 12a to 12c show the various positions of the third embodiment in accordance with the present invention, in use, and will not be described since they correspond to the positions shown in Figures 6a to 6c of the first embodiment described above. --